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One year later

Not forgotten. Protestors across the nation marked the first anniversary of the death of black teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. The unarmed Brown was killed by a white police officer, who was controversially cleared by a grand jury. PAGE 02

A protestor is arrested during a Michael Brown memorial demonstration in Brooklyn on Sunday. / KENA BETANCUR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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A man is arrested during a Michael Brown memorial protest Sunday in Brooklyn. Demonstrators showed support on the one-year anniversary of the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, by a white police officer. / GETTY IMAGES



NYC joins in Ferguson anniversary protests

Brooklyn.
Activists across
the nation rallied.

Activists in Brooklyn gathered Sunday to lie on the ground for 4 1/2 minutes to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the shooting death of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, by a white police officer.

Hundreds of people marched, prayed and held moments of silence in Ferguson and across the nation. The largely peaceful events on the anniversary weekend were marred when shots rang out while about 1,000

people approached a Ferguson church, but it was not known if the incident was related to the rally. Police said one person was wounded when several shots were fired, possibly from a moving car, near the route.

White, black, old and young people, some pushing children in strollers, turned out for a day of events in this mostly black St. Louis suburb where Michael Brown, 18, was fatally shot on Aug. 9, 2014.

After 4 1/2 minutes of silence to represent the roughly 4 1/2 hours that Brown's body lay in the middle of the street after he was shot, two white doves were released. The crowd then started a silent march to honor Brown and

Quoted

"I hurt every day. But I'm trying to make it uncomfortable to people that think this is OK to do this stuff."

Michael Brown Sr.
Brown's father, to reporters

others who have died at the hands of police.

Brown's shooting sparked months of protests, including incidents of rioting and arson. But it also gave life to a new movement under the "Black Lives Matter" banner that has pushed for better treatment of minorities by police.

Organizers of Sunday's events say their aim is to keep alive a national movement fueled by the police killing of Brown and other unarmed black men in cities including New York, Cincinnati, Baltimore and North Charleston, South Carolina.

Another name was added to that list on Friday when unarmed 19-year-old Christian Taylor, a black college student, was shot dead by a white police officer in Arlington, Texas.

Arlington police said Taylor was shot as police investigated a burglary at a car dealership in the Dallas-area city.

In Ferguson, a makeshift memorial of teddy bears, candles and flowers was rebuilt on the quiet

residential road where Brown died.

At the memorial, Brown's father, Michael Brown Sr., wore a T-shirt bearing his son's image and the slogan "Chosen for Change." Others held "Black Lives Matter" banners and signs calling for justice for those killed by police.

"I hurt every day. But I'm trying to make it uncomfortable to people that think this is OK to do this stuff," Brown said.

A federal review found that the officer, Darren Wilson, broke no laws when he shot Brown. But it also determined that the Ferguson police department for years had violated the rights of the city's black population. **REUTERS**

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Your accommodations, sir or madam? / MILES DIXON, METRO

Can't afford a hotel room in one of the most expensive cities? A NYC comedian found a creative solution — since real estate is so pricey, why not stay in a car?

On Airbnb, comedian Jonathan Powley lists vehicles for tourists to sleep in. He even aspires to have comedy shows in them — they would probably be the smallest venues in

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Another vehicle priced at \$39 is his "beautiful conversion sleep van," which accommodates three guests. For a more expensive stay, Jonathan also lists a 1979 camper, accommodating four people, priced at \$89 dollars a night.

All vehicles are parked near the East River in Long Island City, Queens. The stunning views wowed previous guests, according to reviews on Airbnb.

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The great architecture critic Vincent Scully once wrote about the then newly rebuilt Penn Station: "One [previously] entered the city like a god; one scuttles in now like a rat."

Indeed, it's hard not to think of Scully's classic burn when arriving at any number of the city's 400-plus subway stations: the fetid 4/5 platform at 59th Street, say, or the dank, leaky, rat-infested lair at 168th Street.

But not all subway stations are created equal. Some are actually ... really

nice! And, with beautification projects ranging from the new murals at the 191st Street Tunnel to LCD Soundsystem frontman James Murphy's attempt to turn the MTA's turnstiles into music-making machines, it's clear that not every subway commute has to inspire dread. Here we've rounded up a few of our favorite stops, from the Natural History Museum's iconic subterranean mosaics to a Bronx station that looks like an Italian villa.

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Bonus: closed station

City Hall

This 1904 masterpiece, with its vaulted ceilings, colored glass tilework and brass chandeliers, is no longer functional, but you can still bask in its glory. The Transit Museum offers tours of the station, but commuters catch a glimpse of it by staying on the 6 after it terminates at the Brooklyn Bridge City Hall stop.



1 Mosholu Parkway (4)

The Bronx is full of stations adorned with gorgeous stained glass windows, commissioned by different artists. Impossible to choose just one, but Mosholu Parkway's abstract, colorful murals — by Corinne Grondahl — are a good place to start.

2 East 180th Street (2,5)

A subway station that looks like a terra cotta Italian villa way out in the Bronx? Believe it.

3 Fulton Street (2,3,4,5,A,C,J,Z)

The newly opened, futuristic-looking terminal boasts a glass-and-steel oculus, a spiral staircase that snakes around a tubular glass elevator and lots of shiny, bright surfaces. Also: sunshine!

4 81st Street - Museum of Natural History (A,B,C)

The bronze, granite, ceramic and glass mosaics in this station depict the evolution of life from the Big Bang to the present day. The sparkling under-the-sea tableau is particularly dazzling.



5 Bedford Park Boulevard (B,D)

OK, we have a thing for nature mosaics (see No. 4). The theme at this station is "community garden," with murals bursting with colorful flowers and insects. (Also recommended: the wildlife murals at the newly renovated Jay Street Metro Tech Station in Brooklyn.)

6 Coney Island - Stillwell Avenue (D,F,N,Q)

The elevated platform allows commuters views of the ocean and amusement park, while the station itself includes artful glass-brick walls with silkscreened Coney Island icons, such as a Nathan's hotdog and a girl riding a carousel horse.

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From left: Catalina Champurrado, Renegade Lemonade, Tea and Milk and Best Juice Uptown

Tasty. Street drink vendors up for Vendys

Street vendors who hawk lemonade, bubble tea and arroz con leche will finally have a chance for glory at this September's Vendy Awards.

The 11th annual street food competition will be held Sept. 12 on Governor's Island and the \$100 general admission ticket lets visitors see the cooking showdown, taste the delicacies and support the Street Vendor Project of the Urban Justice Center, an advocacy group.

"Vendors that focus only on street drinks have never been able to compete at the Vendys because it didn't make sense for them," Zeina

Muna, managing director of the Vendy Awards, told Metro.

"In talking to many people and fans about how they consume street food and interact with their favorite vendors, we found a lot of people love a particular drink that they get on the way to work, or have a great relationship with their coffee cart vendor across the street from the office."

The five finalists competing in the street drinks category are Tea+Milk, Renegade Lemonade, Catalina's Champurrado, CoCo & Co. and Best Juice Uptown.

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MTA reports less trash at subway stations



Trash on a subway platform
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Cleaner. A pilot program that removed trash cans showed a reduction in garbage.

Fewer trash cans in MTA subway stations means a reduction in trash and rats in 39 subway stations

across the city, the MTA said last week.

The pilot garbage program has removed trash cans at stations in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens since 2011.

Numbers released on Thursday showed the number of trash bags collected in the stations that phased out trash cans in 2011 and 2012 were down

by 66 percent, and down 36 percent in stations that removed the cans in 2014.

The MTA took out the trash cans to encourage commuters to take their garbage out of the subway with them. Workers remove 40 tons of trash a day from 3,500 garbage cans in the system, according to the MTA.

About 50 percent of

waste gets recycled.

The MTA said less trash means fewer rats, though the number of track fires has remained about the same.

The MTA said 11 trash collection trains compete with passenger trains for track time.

"This pilot appears counterintuitive but when we placed notices

at the pilot stations indicating that the cans had been removed and asked the customers for their cooperation, it looks like they listened," New York City Transit President Carmen Bianco said in a statement.



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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio fields a question during the first Republican presidential debate. / GETTY IMAGES

Rubio defends his stance on abortion

Abortion. For Rubio, taking a bold stance against exceptions could hurt his standing with women.

Florida Senator Marco Rubio on Sunday defended his stance against abortion without exceptions for rape or when a mother's life was in danger that he was asked about during a debate among Republican presidential candidates on Thursday.

"I personally and deeply believe that all human life is worthy of the protection of our laws. I do. And I believe that irrespective of the conditions by which that life was conceived, or anything else, and for me to be consistent on that belief," Rubio said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

During Thursday night's debate, Rubio said he never advocated for any exceptions on abortion, including when conception occurs following rape or incest or when the mother's life is in danger.

However, Rubio sup-

ported such exceptions when he co-sponsored the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in 2013, which aimed to ban late-stage abortions.

On Sunday, Rubio denied any inconsistency. He said that while he does not support such exceptions, he would not rule them out if the overall result is fewer abortions.

"I recognize that in order to have consensus on laws that limit the number of abortions, a lot of people want to see those exceptions," he said on NBC.

Rubio said he recognized that women have the right to make decisions about their own bodies, but that clashes with "the right of a human being to live."

"I don't say it's easy," Rubio said. "But when asked to make a decision between two very hard circumstances, I personally reached the decision, if I'm going to err, I'm going to err on the side of life."

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee have also said they do not support abortion in any cases.

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Auto

Tesla burns cash, loses more than \$4,000 on every car sold

It's crunch time for Tesla Motors.

The Silicon Valley automaker is losing more than \$4,000 on every Model S electric sedan it sells, using its reckoning of operating losses, and

it burned \$359 million in cash last quarter in a bull market for luxury vehicles. The company on Wednesday cut its production targets for this year and next. Chief Executive Elon Musk said he's considering options to raise more capital, and didn't rule out selling more stock.

Musk has taken investors on a thrill

ride since taking Tesla public in 2010. Now he's given himself a deadline, promising that by the first quarter of 2016 Tesla will be making enough money to fund a jump from making one expensive, low-volume car to mass producing multiple models, and expanding a venture to manufacture electric power storage systems.

Tesla's shares fell almost 9 percent on Thursday and slipped another 2 percent on Friday as investors and analysts weighed the risks of Musk's ambitious plans for expanding Tesla's auto and energy storage businesses. Tesla had just \$1.15 billion on hand as of June 30, down from \$2.67 billion a year earlier. **REUTERS**

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US sends 6 jets, 300 personnel to Turkey base to battle ISIS

Fears. Turkey has faced increasing insecurity along its 560-mile border with Syria.

The United States sent six F-16 jets and about 300 personnel to Incirlik Air Base in Turkey on Sunday, the U.S. military said, after Ankara agreed last month to allow American planes to launch air strikes against

Islamic State militants from there.

The Pentagon said in a statement that the "small detachment" is from the 31st Fighter Wing based at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Support equipment was also sent but no details were provided.

"The United States and Turkey, as members of the 60-plus nation coalition, are committed to the fight against ISIL in the pursuit of peace and stability in the region," the statement said, using

an acronym for Islamic State.

The ability to fly manned bombing raids out of Incirlik, a major base used by both U.S. and Turkish forces, against targets in nearby Syria could be a big advantage. Such flights have had to fly mainly from the Gulf.

Turkey's decision last month to allow use of the base follows longtime reluctance by Ankara to become engaged in the fight against Islamist militants. **REUTERS**



F-16 Fighting Falcon aircrafts from Italy's Aviano Air Base / GETTY IMAGES

Israeli troops retaliate. Palestinian man shot and killed in West Bank

Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian man who stabbed an Israeli man at a petrol station in the occupied West Bank on Sunday along a main highway near Jerusalem, police said.

The Israeli 26-year-old civilian was lightly hurt

and taken to hospital, police spokeswoman Luba Samri said, adding that the Palestinian attacker had come from a village near highway 443, one of two major routes that connect Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

With peace talks

stalled since April 2014, grassroots violence has simmered in the West Bank and adjacent East Jerusalem, among the territories Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East war and where Palestinians seek statehood.

REUTERS

West Africa

Gunmen kill 10 in Mali village

Gunmen killed 10 civilians in an attack on the village of Gaberi in northern Mali, an army spokesman said on Sunday, a day after a

deadly siege by suspected Islamist gunmen at a hotel northeast of the capital.

The attacks are the latest violence in the West African country, where the United Nations has brokered a tenuous peace

between Tuareg separatists and the government. Islamists linked to al Qaeda and new militant groups now appear to be mounting a campaign against the U.N. mission and Mali's military. **REUTERS**



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5 Things you need to know

Trump on blood remark: No apology necessary, 'I cherish women'

Embattled Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump hit back at critics who say he went too far with caustic comments about a news anchor, insisting no apology was necessary and defending his relations with women.

Trump is under fire for criticizing Fox anchor Megyn Kelly during and after a Republican debate on Thursday. Asked about Kelly in a CNN interview on Friday, Trump said: "You could see there was blood

coming out of her eyes. Blood coming out of her wherever."

The real estate mogul and television personality appeared on Sunday news shows to rebut the outrage triggered by his off-the-cuff talk.

"I've had such an amazing relationship with women in business. They are amazing executives. They are killers. They are phenomenal," Trump said on ABC's "This Week."

Asked if he thought he had gone too far, Trump said, "No, not at all."

Trump told CNN he had "great relationships" with women and had hired thousands, including many top-level employees, adding, "I cherish women."



DONALD TRUMP
AND HIS
WIFE MELANIA
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Five children, three adults killed in Texas

Eight people, five of them children, were killed at a house in Houston and a suspect in the shooting surrendered to police after an hourlong standoff, police officials said.

Sheriff deputies went to the home on a welfare check about 9 p.m. Saturday, police officials said. They called for backup after learning there was a man inside the home wanted for aggravated assault, KHOU TV reported.

When deputies spotted the body of child through a window, they tried to force their way inside but had to pull back when the suspect shot at them. After a standoff with authorities, the suspect surrendered. **REUTERS**

Questions abound in police shooting death of black Texas teen

Texas police on Sunday were trying to figure out what prompted a black teenager to drive his car into a car dealership, and why a white police officer still in training fatally shot the unarmed 19-year-old four times.

Christian Taylor became the latest unarmed black man to die at the hands of a white police officer after officials said he was seen on security surveillance tape vandalizing cars at an auto dealership in Arlington.

Taylor was shot four times by Arlington police officer Brad Miller, 49, who was still undergoing training with the department. **REUTERS**

About 150 homes evacuated in Ariz. wildfire

A raging fire in a wildlife refuge in northwestern Arizona near the California border is forcing the evacuation of about 150 homes, fire officials said.

Authorities ordered the mandatory evacuations from homes in the rural area after the wildfire sparked on Saturday afternoon grew to 2,000 acres in the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, said Bureau of Land Management spokeswoman Dolores Garcia.

The American Red Cross had set up a shelter for displaced residents.

"This is a major one and we're aggressively trying to fight it," Garcia said of the fast-moving fire. **REUTERS**

Video gamers win millions of dollars in championship

Teams of video gamers playing characters ranging from wizards to monsters exchanged virtual punches, fireballs and lightning strikes over the past six days, battling at the main event of the Dota 2 International 2015 tournament in Seattle.

And by the end of the finals, five players, including a 16-year-old, became more than a million dollars richer.

Now in its fifth year and playing to a sold-out crowd in the 17,000-seat Key Arena, the International has grown every year in size, popularity and possible winnings for players. **REUTERS**

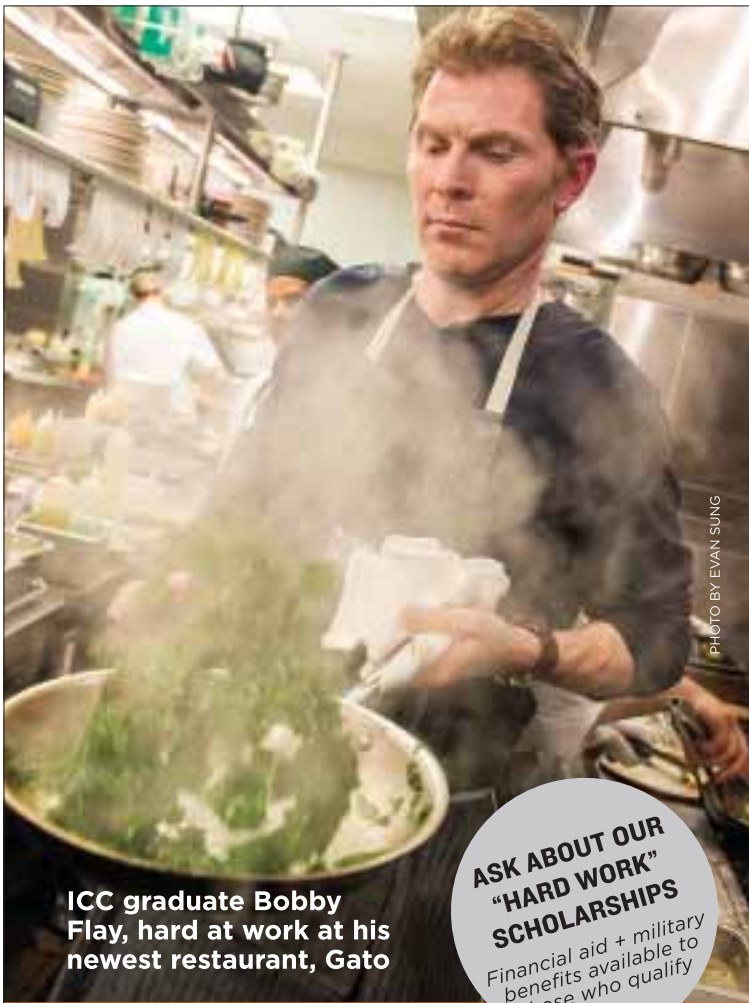


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TOM FOREMAN PREDICTS THIS WEEK IN POLITICS. HE IS A CNN CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR OF THE UPCOMING BOOK "MY YEAR OF RUNNING DANGEROUSLY: A DAD, A DAUGHTER, AND A RIDICULOUS PLAN."



One of the few advantages of the steaming summers here in D.C. is that half the city goes on vacation and the traffic is bearable. But just because the politicos head off to camp doesn't mean the bickering stops. They leave staffs behind who are dedicated to keeping the city sizzling, and they often fire shots at each other from afar. So here's what to watch this week in politics.

1. WET HOT AMERICAN

BUMMER: You know how you're about to leave for vacation and suddenly you realize the washing machine just died and you'll have to fix it the minute you get back? That's kind of how President Obama must feel. As he was heading off for two weeks in Martha's Vineyard, New York Senator Chuck Schumer said he'll vote "no" on the big Iran/Nukes deal. Watch for White House staffers to fight a rear guard while the president passes time golfing, going to dinner, and asking Siri what time it is in North Korea.

2. WEEKEND AT DONALD'S: For GOPers the 2016 race is getting to

be like that dark comedy where the kids have to cart around their deceased boss. Many Republicans remain convinced that Donald Trump's campaign will soon be dead as a ham sandwich. But as long as he's atop the polls, they have to act like everything is fine. Anyway, once his numbers crack a little, you can expect a barrage of attacks, but who knows when that will be? Maybe the other contenders should call Andrew McCarthy. He might have some ideas.

3. HAPPY CAMPERS: If you hear giggling coming from Camp Clinton this week, it could be the Democratic frontrunner reading a transcript of the Republican debate. Undeniably, her opponents in the other party gave her a lot of arrows for the archery contest in the general election. You won't see it yet, but trust me her campaign folks are already working overtime to sharpen the points.

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CULTURE

Miley Cyrus slams Taylor Swift's 'Bad Blood'

Miley Cyrus and I apparently see eye to eye on a lot of things, including Taylor Swift. Well, sort of. While my Swift gripes are more broad and far-reaching, Cyrus is taking issue with one particular move — namely, Swift's much-hyped "Bad Blood" music video. "I don't get the violence revenge thing," she tells Marie Clare. "That's supposed to be a good example? And I'm a bad role model because I'm running around with my titties out? I'm not sure how titties are worse than guns." Ain't that America, right?

Cyrus also has some other insights that are genuinely awesome, like her take on the double standards of show business: "There is so much sexism, ageism, you name it," she says. "Kendrick Lamar sings about LSD and he's cool. I do it and I'm a druggie

whore." Oh, and all of her outlandish behavior and aversion to clothing? It's all pretty savvy, actually. "There's nothing left to catch me doing," she explains. "You want to hack my email so you can find my nude pictures? I'll just f—ing put them up." Right on.



All about Lenny Kravitz's crotch jewelry

While Lenny Kravitz isn't talking about the recently peekaboo public piercing the world found out about last week when his pants split on stage in Sweden, the artist who applied it is more than happy to. "The piercing still looks happy, healthy and very sturdy. I was proud to see it alive and kicking," body modification artist Elayne Angel tells Mashable. And she

offers some insight into the purpose of the piercing: "He liked the idea of having one that was in proximity to his penis but not on it. He's definitely into aesthetics and how it looks, but this one also had function. It was meant to please women," she explains. "It hits the woman in the clitoris during intercourse." Well, all right, then.

Willow Smith's perfect world



In case anyone's interested, 14-year-old singer and budding philosopher Willow Smith has her idea for utopia all worked out, as she tells i-D magazine in an interview. "The whole world would be one big tribe, one big commune. It wouldn't be split up and divided, we wouldn't be fighting nearly as much, we wouldn't be using unnecessary sources of power," she says. "We'd be using free energy, we'd be eating from the trees, we'd be drinking from

the natural stream. There wouldn't be traffic and diapers and pollution in our rivers. It would all just be transcending into another dimension." See, you had me, and then you lost me.

Oh, and the secret to Smith's ideal world-view? James Cameron's "Avatar," naturally, which she calls "my life." Because obviously. "The strength that the tribe has to overthrow the Sky People, that's the kind of strength that we need to have," she says.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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Talking to the cast of 'The Gift'

This weekend saw the release of the disastrous "Fantastic Four," sure, but there was also a much better movie out: Joel Edgerton's "The Gift," a thriller about a married couple (Jason Bateman and Rebecca Hall) terror-

Robert Downey Jr. cements highest-paid status

In case there was any doubt about Robert Downey Jr.'s success, the "Iron Man" and "Avengers" star has topped Forbes' list of highest-paid actors for the third year in a row. And if that weren't enough, Downey's impressive \$80 million take between June 2014 and June 2015 is a sweet \$30 million ahead of the list's No. 2 earner, Jackie Chan (\$50 million). So maybe if Downey is pulling down that kind of coin, he could be a little kinder to indie filmmakers looking for help? Yeah, probably not.

Rounding out the top five are Vin Diesel (\$47



million), Bradley Cooper (\$41.5 million) and — somehow, mystifyingly — Adam Sandler (\$41 million). I'd like to think that after "Pixels," Sandler's spot next year won't be so prominent, but who am I kidding?



ized by the husband's old classmate (Edgerton) in their brand-new home. I sat down and chatted with Edgerton, Bateman and

Hall in that very house and tried to finally answer the question, "Why is Jason Bateman so good at playing an a—hole?"

Twitter feed

Today, Hailee Steinfeld wants some attention, Azealia Banks is spending wisely, Kelly Osbourne is full of advice, Alec Baldwin is peeved and RuPaul has news for you.

@HaileeSteinfeld: HEY

@AZEALIBANKS: I'm going to subscribe to tidal because of group shared economics and I feel good about giving jay-z my money.

@KellyOsbourne: Throw lavender buds on your fire to clear your home of negativity

@ABFalecbaldwin: OK, spoiler alert, people. Sheesh.

@RuPaul: Oh BTW: Soylent Green is people!

Rockin' out with Rick Springfield

Interview. The rock star and Grammy winner was nervous playing Meryl Streep's boy toy.

Rick Springfield had just rung the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange when our phone call began. "I stopped major companies from trading," he says, chuckling at the craziness of it all. Talking to him, it's clear he's not the kind of guy who puts an end to corporate trading. He's modest and self-effacing, friendly and willing to talk openly and honestly about anything, including what has been a bizarre career.

For instance, when Springfield had his biggest

song — "Jessie's Girl" — he was in the middle of a two-year stint on "General Hospital." He also wrote an acclaimed memoir, plus, last year, a best-selling novel, "Magnificent Vibration." Right now he's in "Ricki and the Flash," starring opposite no less than Meryl Streep in a film by Jonathan Demme.

He plays Greg, part of an aging, small-time cover band fronted by Streep's Ricki. "He wanted someone to sell the fact that this guy is supposed to be a really good guitar player who never made it," Springfield tells us. "There's a scene that was actually cut about Greg being on the cover of a guitar magazine in the '80s — a shredder magazine. He settled into the fact that



Springfield
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Rick Springfield and Meryl Streep tear into some covers in "Ricki and the Flash," now in theaters. / SONY

he had his shot, but he's happy to still be playing his guitar."

Springfield himself still plays big concerts, and his 18th album is due at year's end. But he really liked the portrayal of those who hadn't had his luck. "There's a sadness to that, but it's also kind of cool. There's a lot of damaged people in that story," he says. "It's what I loved about the movie."

They did play live.

"Since we were a cover band, it would have looked odd if it was lip-synched to perfect tracks, like most music in films. [Demme] wanted it rough and ready and real."

Streep herself learned how to play guitar before the shoot. Springfield got to see the Oscar winner nervous, which he says "was very heartening for me, who was nervous to be in a movie with Meryl Streep."

Another view

On acting

"Ricki and the Flash" arrives almost concurrently with Springfield's stint as a shady psychiatrist on "True Detective." He hasn't seen it. "I generally don't like to see stuff that I've done," he admits. "A lot of my friends emailed me and said, 'Dude, you creeped me out so bad.'"

Of course, Springfield is a seasoned actor, even if the role that first made him famous didn't come easily. "Soap opera acting is incredibly difficult for me," he confesses. "It became all about line memorization. You just don't have the time to work on the character. It's nothing to do with acting. It's just like picking up a hammer to build a house. It's just something you have to do. There are a lot of actors on soaps who are incredible at it. I always found it very difficult."



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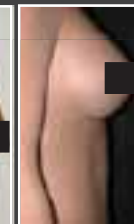
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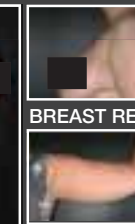
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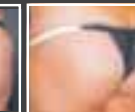
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Vital Information All Knee Arthritis Sufferers

By Matt Edgar-Health Writer

Manhattan - In just a moment I'm going to tell you about a very “candid” and somewhat embarrassing moment I had with a doctor.

A moment most doctors would not want you to know about.

As I reveal what happened in that moment - it will become clear to you not only why this doctor has so much success treating knee arthritis pain... but you will also discover a possible way to relieve some or all of your pain, too.

But before I tell you all that - let me ask you this: How would you like to finally have a real medical solution for your knee arthritis pain?

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Sounds Too Good To Be True?

I'm glad we agree. It does sound too good to be true. That's because all patients react differently and get different results from *real medical treatments*.

That's also why no ethical doctor would promise or

guarantee ANY results... for ANY treatment. EVER.

In fact - if you do start hearing over-the-top, exaggerated claims like: “cure for knee arthritis” or “eliminates all pain” or “works for everyone” you should run like heck.

But the fact of the matter is: If you qualify for the treatment you are about to discover, there is a good chance you may be able to relieve some or much of your pain.

I know because thousands of knee arthritis sufferers... just like you... have already found the relief you are looking for.

And even better - this might work for you if your pain is new... or if you have advanced knee arthritis that has made it difficult to even walk.

Here's The Treatment And The Embarrassing Moment

The treatment is called viscosupplementation. If you have not heard of this treatment - I will explain how it might help you in just a moment. If you have heard of it - or even had this treatment without good results - this information is a “must read.”

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Allow Me To Explain...

While doing research on this treatment, I traveled to a medical clinic in New York City. This clinic had an excellent reputation and I got to speak not only with doctors but with several patients who ranted and raved about the results.

Many said they had tried countless other treatments in the past... including viscosupplementation... but nothing worked until they had viscosupplementation at *this* clinic.

I was skeptical, so I asked one of the doctors why. How could it be possible that the same treatment that did not work when done elsewhere... was getting results when done here?

His response was honest and a little shocking. And the bottom line was...

“All Doctors Are Human And Sometimes They Mess Up”

I discovered that this treatment must be VERY

PRECISE. In other words, the doctor must be very accurate and actually get the lubricating fluid precisely into the arthritic joint space - or the treatment will be rendered useless.

Many doctors do not want to admit it - but it is very easy to miss the joint space and alter the treatment results.

In fact, research shows that doctors doing these types of joint procedures without advanced imaging may miss the joint space as much as 30% of the time.

Technology To The Rescue

Thankfully technology is solving this problem. How? It's making doctors much more accurate and this treatment much more effective.

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The Difference Between Knee Arthritis Treatment?

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It became clear to me that using this advanced imaging and "double confirmation" process just might be why the doctors at this medical clinic get results when others were not.

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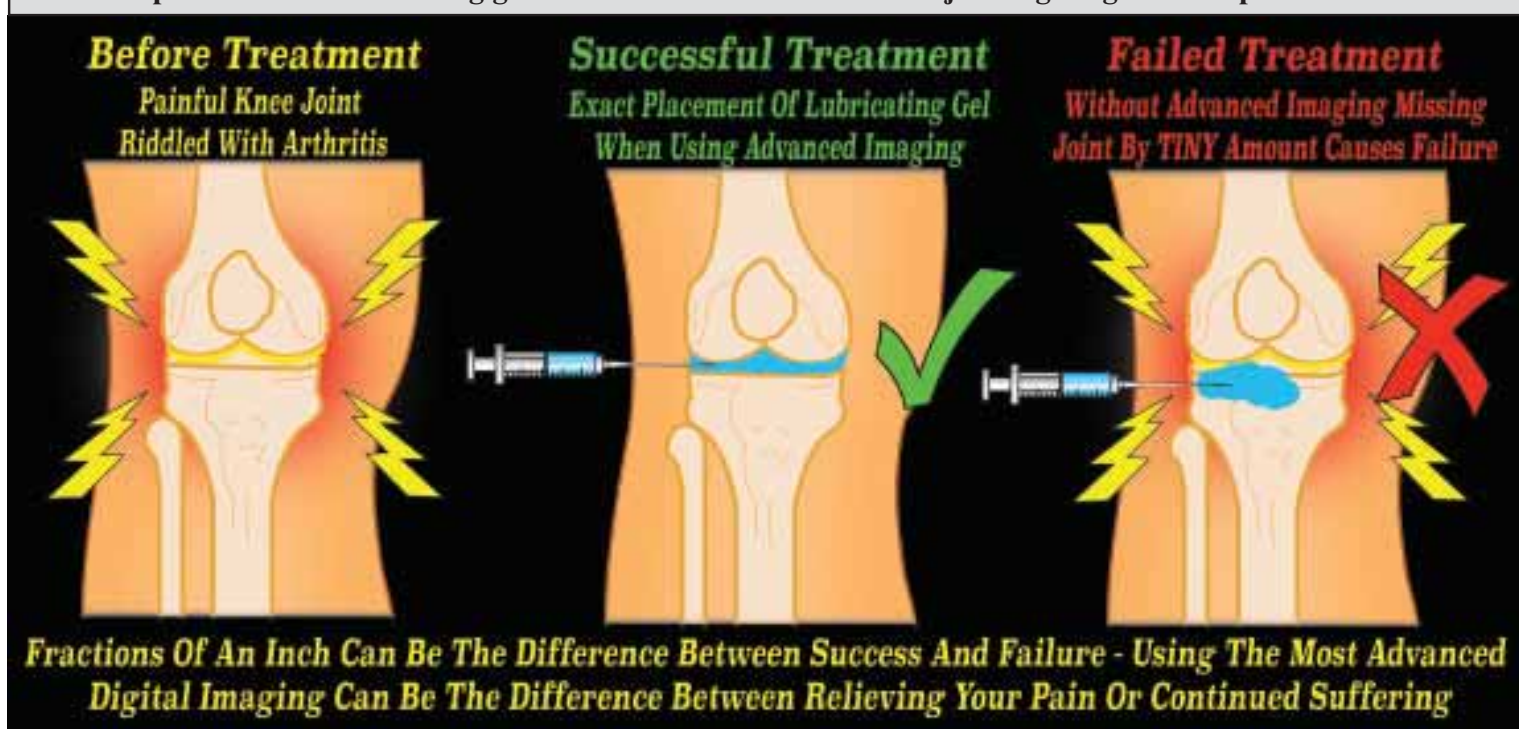
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No such thing as 'just a game'

Novel. Christopher Yates' "Black Chalk" explores the dark side of "friendly competition."

As a puzzle and crossword maker, it's no surprise Christopher Yates enjoys a good game. But his novel "Black Chalk" takes the idea of friendly competition to a whole new level, implying that life itself is a game. "Why else do you think we call ourselves the human race?" the book asks.

"There's a quote I like from Gore Vidal: 'Every time a friend succeeds, I die a little,'" Christopher Yates says. "Some people say it's a great quote and really expresses something true. Other people are absolutely mystified. They can't understand the idea of being jealous by

someone else's success."

Truth and consequences

The book is about six friends studying at Oxford University who make up a game. At first, the consequences of losing a round are silly. But over time, the consequences become life-altering, at times deeply humiliating,

and ultimately change the players forever.

"I came up with the idea for the very game with a friend when I was at Oxford," Yates says. "We never played the game, which is probably fortunate. But to a large degree, writing this book was me imagining what would happen if we did play the game."

Plot puzzle

The structure of the book jumps between the present day and the college days in 1991. The narrator is a recluse living in the East Village in New York, and at times, the reader doesn't actually know which one of the characters is narrating the book. Yates uses various other tricks to keep the reader guessing the whole way through.

"I did a lot of those things as a way to

entertain myself while I wrote it," he says. "I think I almost turned the book into some sort of puzzle, even a puzzle for myself, and I had to work out how to make the different pieces work together to make a satisfying structure for the reader."

Competition cause and effect

Yates says the way a person plays a game says a lot about his or her psyche. "Almost any time competition is involved, it can reveal something about the people who are playing it," he says. "Almost any game can descend into casting a bad light on human behavior."



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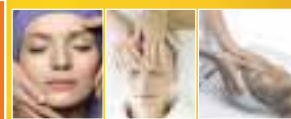
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War drama



Jeremy Renner got his breakthrough with 2008's best picture winner, "The Hurt Locker," PROVIDED

'The Hurt Locker'

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Hollywood has been struggling to turn Jeremy Renner into a movie star, but it doesn't seem to take. He's been great in his big-budget fare, steely and driven. But he's not a movie star; he's too remote for that. He's a character actor, and a brilliant one. He was thrilling in Kathryn Bigelow's Oscar-winner "The Hurt Locker," but what he was really doing was a twist on an old type: the reckless hero who doesn't play by the rules. As a rock star IED disposer in the Iraq War, he's playing a character who could

easily have slipped into Bigelow's "Point Break." But Renner makes his cockiness playful; even when things get rough, he cracks a grin, one that erodes as the film wears on into something more ambivalent. That doesn't work when you're the head of blockbusters; Tom Cruise always lets you in. But it definitely works when you're in off-beat fare, or when you're the dude who knows how to shoot a mean bow from an arrow.



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War satire



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Speaking of war movies, there was a time, upon the release of Paul Verhoeven's effects-heavy winkie rabble-rouser, when people seriously didn't get that it was a deeply sarcastic joke — a bone-cutting satire on war movies that was in essence a fake propaganda movie from a grim future. It's certainly anything but subtle: Verhoeven intercuts segments using the language of "Why We Fight" and other WWII-era propaganda into his soapy tale, starring a host of actors from "90210" and elsewhere. It's savage and funny, implicating the viewer for getting caught up in unspeakably grisly action.

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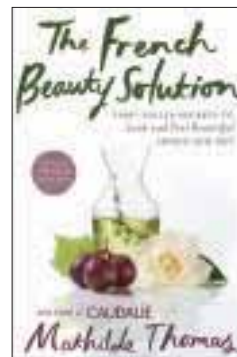
Mathilde Thomas also believes you should indulge in a glass of red wine. / PROVIDED

Skin care. A word to American women: "Stop being so Type A and have fun," says Caudalie's Mathilde Thomas.

We idolize French women: their effortlessly chic style, their I-woke-up-like-this bed head and, not to mention, their glowing, gorgeous skin.

So what are we doing wrong? "American women put a lot of pressure on themselves. Especially in New York — they're Type A women. They want to check off all the boxes," says Mathilde Thomas, co-founder of natural skin-care brand Caudalie. "You can't do it all; life is tough."

Instead, the beauty expert encourages women to give up the idea of "perfect" and have fun with skin care, even sometimes



skipping the luxe solution-in-a-jar for a homemade beauty remedy straight out of the fridge. "Skin care is not a chore," she stresses. "You should enjoy it — use products that not only make you look good but that make you feel good, too."

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We fell in love with the colors and textures of this dish, from the pink hue of sliced radishes

and bright green of olives to the crunchy bite of snap peas. Redfish is crisped on a hot skillet and crowned with a subtly sweet and very fresh relish, where Castelvetrano olives provide a delicate saltiness. This is the perfect meal for a hot summer evening. Cook, relax and enjoy!

Cooking time: 30 minutes
Calories: 845 kcal/person
Allergens: none

What we send:

- ½ cup basmati rice (3.6 oz.)
- 1 orange (7-8 oz.)
- Castelvetrano olives (2 oz.)
- 1 scallion (0.5 oz.)
- flat-leaf parsley (0.5 oz.)

- 12 oz. redfish
- 6 oz. snap peas
- 2 oz. radishes

What you need:

- olive oil
- coarse salt
- freshly ground black pepper

Equipment:

- small saucepan
- large nonstick skillet

Directions:

1 Cook rice. Combine rice, ¾ cup water and a pinch of salt in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cook until rice is tender and water is absorbed, 15 minutes. Remove from heat and keep covered until ready to serve.

2 Prepare orange. Halve orange. Using a sharp knife, remove peel and pith from half of orange. Chop flesh and transfer to a small bowl.

3 Make relish. Pit and chop olives and thinly slice scallions. Finely chop parsley stems and



leaves. Combine chopped oranges, olives, scallions, parsley leaves and stems and 2 tablespoons oil and stir to combine, season

with salt and pepper.

4 Slice vegetables. Thinly slice snap peas and radishes and

place in a medium bowl. Squeeze remaining orange half over vegetables, season with salt and pepper and toss to combine.

5 Cook fish. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large nonstick skillet. Season redfish with salt and pepper and add to skillet, skin side down. Cook fish, pressing gently to flatten until skin is crisp, about 4 minutes. Flip and cook until just cooked through, 1-2 minutes more.

6 Serve. Fluff rice and divide between plates. Top with fish and orange-olive relish. Serve with snap peas and radishes. Enjoy!

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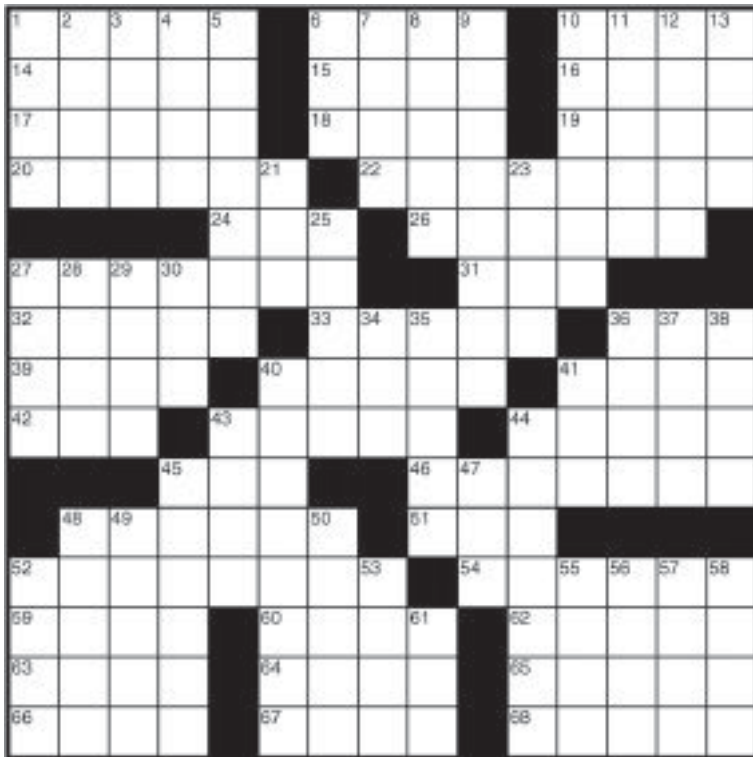
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15 Matty of the diamond
16 Eventful periods
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18 Litter's little one
19 Big umbrella
20 Steamboat inventor
22 Incidentally (3 wds.)
24 Louis XIV, e.g.
26 Sandbars
27 Minimally (2 wds.)
31 Lightning by-product
32 Yellowish pink
33 Gregorian —
36 Terrier threat
39 Vanish — thin air
40 Toothy predator
41 Essayist's pen name
42 Last degree
43 Verse
44 Musician Bela —
45 Sigma follower
46 Most Vassar grads
48 Fireside feeling

51 Dry, as champagne
52 Parson
54 Specters
59 Viking name
60 Henri's aits
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63 Tel. or elec.
64 Robin beaks
65 Prefix for "below"
66 Latin I verb
67 Capricorn
68 Purplish flower

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1 Fell on — ears
2 Karachi language
3 Gather opinions
4 Fix a manuscript
5 Actress — Kerr
6 Bireme mover
7 Triple-decker sandwich
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9 Leap ahead with the mind
10 Crete's sea
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Here's a fact that will surprise no one who has ever worked in an office: Fifty percent of people are unhappy in their job. Yet the reason why we daydream of a better life while watching cat

videos as we count down the seconds till clock-out isn't because we're lazy or because we don't want to do work. It's because most employers aren't allowing us to focus on and utilize our strengths, and we feel devalued because of it.

"Workplaces are really good at inducing stress and anxiety and fear and worry," says workplace well-being expert Michelle McQuaid. "They're not so good in bringing out the best in people."

That's why she's launching the global

One-Week Strengths Habit Challenge starting Monday, August 17, to help individuals be more energized, confident and happy at work.

How exactly? Just follow these three steps, and you'll be on your way to seriously kicking butt at — and loving — your job.

Identify your strengths

When asked to list their top five strengths, most people freeze. Turns out a lot of us have no idea what we're good at — or

even what our best qualities are.

Fortunately, there are lots of strengths-assessment tools that can help — and that you can find free online, such as the VIA Survey (www.viacharacter.org).

"It only takes 10 minutes, and it identifies your character strengths — so things like curiosity, humor, kindness, gratitude," McQuaid says. "That's great because while we don't always have control over what we have to do in our jobs, we do generally have a fair amount

Bonus

Spending 10 minutes honing your own strengths at work will not only improve your attitude — it might land you a promotion. "Do more of what you do best each day, and the other people around you can see the potential of what you have to offer as you go about your job," says McQuaid. "And in my experience, that starts to open different opportunities for you as time goes by."



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Figure out how you already use your strengths at work

Once you nail down your top strengths, ask yourself how you're already using them on the job.

"Think about the last time you were engaged and energized and enjoying your work," advises McQuaid. "Those are the moments you're using your strengths — that's why we feel good about them."

"It might have been part of a big project you were working on, or it might have been a really small moment — a meeting or something where you walked out thinking, 'Actually that wasn't too bad,'" she explains. "But by looking at those moments you can start to identify, 'So that's how my curiosity is being used in this role,' or, 'That's how I use kindness effectively at work.' And as you start to spot those, it becomes possible to think about how

you can do a little bit more of that each day."

Develop a habit

The final step: consciously using that strength. Every. Single. Day. McQuaid says that she's very curious, so years ago, when she was beginning to feel restless in her role as a global brand director at PWC, she decided to utilize her hunger for information by reading one new thing a day when she first got into the office.

"It was just 10 minutes, but after a few days of doing that, I found I was looking forward to getting to work," she says. "A good day for me is when I learn something new," she continues, meaning that suddenly, because of her new habit, every day was a good day.

"Ten minutes is perfect to develop a positive habit, because it's excuse-proof — it's nothing. And you don't need anyone's permission — you don't need to change your job description to do it. You just need to be willing to stick with it."

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Is summer making your kids dumber?

Here's how to keep your kids' brains from melting over the break.

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Summer vacation is a time for swim and play. But all that fun in the sun could be holding students back when it comes time to hit the books again.

In just those few months off, students lose a lot of the information they learned during the school year. Worse, "summer brain drain" is the reason why teachers have to review old lessons with students, wasting time and delaying progress.

So what can parents do about it? We asked

Peter Riddle, cognitive expert and co-founder of Empowered Learning Transformation Centers, for four easy ways to keep kids' minds sharp during the summer. (Better get started — you only have a month!)

Make sure they complete their school's reading list

This seems obvious, but "roughly 25 percent of kids read nothing over the summer," says Riddle. That doesn't account for the students who "skim" their assignments at the last minute. Not reading books is "where the real brain drain comes in," Riddle says.

Find 30-minute daily lessons on the Web

When it comes to the Internet, we know two things for certain: one, it has a wealth of information, and two, children and teens love to use it. So why not use it to learn?

"If you can chunk out little things for your kids to watch every day on the Internet, it will serve their need to be [online]. And you can get something productive out of it because they're going to get there anyway," Riddle says. He recommends going on academy or learning sites that provide scores and feedback for lessons as well as trying less structured but no less engaging "brain teaser" apps.

Keep them up to date on the news

Adults shouldn't be the



Keep your kids' brains active, even on lazy summer days. IPHOTO

only ones reading the paper. "Any kid that's above the sixth grade should be reading the newspaper or the online headlines so they're familiar with current events," Riddle says. Staying informed helps these budding adults not only make connections with what they learn in social studies, but it also helps them form their own opinions and thoughts about the world around them. This produces better, more engaged students as well as more responsible global citizens.

Treat everyday activities as learning opportunities

Shopping in the supermarket or slicing food into fractions while cooking can show kids how to apply math and other academic concepts in the real world. "If you can physically show them [how math or science works] ... it'll have more meaning because it's

concrete," says Riddle.

Visiting various kinds of museums (such as science, history and art) also helps kids associate learning with fun. Also recommended? Playing games. "There are all types of games that you can play with your kids that have to do with math or history or just general information," he says. Riddle likes Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit and even Monopoly, which requires counting and budgeting finances.

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Giants legend Gifford dead at age 84

NFL. Gifford led the Giants to an NFL title in 1956.

New York Giants legend Frank Gifford died at his Connecticut home Sunday at the age of 84.

The former NFL MVP (1956) and famed football broadcaster passed away of natural causes, according to the Gifford family.

"It is with the deepest sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved husband, father and friend, Frank Gifford," the family said in a statement released to NBC News. "Frank died suddenly this beautiful Sunday morning of natural causes at his Connecticut home. We rejoice in the extraordinary life he was privileged to live, and we feel grateful and blessed to have been loved by such an amazing human being. We ask that our privacy be respected at this difficult time and we thank you for your prayers."

Gifford was an eight-time Pro Bowler with the

Mr. Monday night

Frank Gifford replaced Keith Jackson as the lead play-by-play announcer on Monday Night Football in 1971.

- Gifford was the anchor of a broadcast booth that featured Howard Cosell and Don Meredith.



Giants and helped lead New York to the NFL Championship in 1956. He was forced to sit out 18 months after Eagles linebacker Chuck Bednarik blindsided him on a play in 1960. Gifford fractured two vertebrae on the play but re-

turned in the 1962 season and was named NFL Comeback Player of the Year.

"Frank Gifford was the ultimate Giant," Giants president John Mara said in a statement. "He was the face of our franchise for so many years. More importantly, he was a treasured member of our family."

Gifford's football career eventually took a backseat to his celebrity of being the husband of Kathie Lee Gifford, the daytime television host. Kathie Lee would often simply refer to the man 23 years her elder as "Frank" on the "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee" and "Today" shows.

Gifford was a TV star in his own right as he manned the broadcast booth for ABC's "Monday Night Football" from 1971 to 1998.

Gifford and his wife stayed married through a very public incident in 1997 in which a tabloid newspaper paid a former flight attendant to seduce Gifford in a hotel room.

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Frank Gifford starred as a halfback, flanker, defensive back and wide receiver for the Giants from 1952 to 1964. / GETTY IMAGES

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Brooke Hogan, left, came to her father Hulk's defense last week. / GETTY IMAGES

THE DEMISE OF HULKAMANIA AND THE 49ERS

When Hulk Hogan was in the ring wrestling, one could easily confuse him with a hot dog given his skin tone. But he probably smelled like bologna. In fact, most white people smell like bologna, according to Brooke Hogan's black friends.

"I feel bad for my dad, but I also feel bad for the African American fans and stuff because they don't know that he didn't mean it," Brooke told Entertainment Tonight as she discussed her father's racist comments that got him fired from WWE in July. "You know, it would be offensive.

"But this is something that we have to put a stop to every day, because I'll be honest with you, I've had a black guy call me a honky, and I've also been told that white people smell like bologna. I don't take offense to it, I just laughed at it."

In Brooke's defense, she's not the first one to bring attention to the broad claim that white folk smell like processed meat. In a BuzzFeed post from March 2011, titled "Top 20 things white people smell like," bologna and a bologna sandwich were both prominently featured.

49ers drama

Remember the Tim Rattay-era 49ers? If you do, you were playing entirely too much Madden in the mid-2000s.

Rattay was under center during one of San Francisco's darkest periods as the team went 2-14 and 4-12 in 2004 and 2005, respectively. But a "Tim Rattay Day" might be in order this season at Levi's Stadium as the 'Niners are the early favorites to own the worst record in the league.

The disaster of an off-season was underscored this past week when

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linebacker Aldon Smith was arrested on hit-and-run, driving under the influence and vandalism charges. Smith, who had been arrested two times before on suspicion of drunken driving charges, was promptly released by the 49ers.

New alleged details emerged this past weekend when The Big Lead reported that the car Smith busted up may have been 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick's. The report said that this followed an altercation between the two at practice and that the beef originally

stemmed from rumors that Kaepernick has been spending time with Hot 97 and MTV host Nessa. Nessa and Smith were an item earlier this year.

Pimp chat

Porn star Lisa Ann is an unabashed jock-sniffer. And by jock-sniffer, I mean she has sex with a ton of pro athletes.

When the retired Ann appeared on Sirius XM's Mad Dog Radio last week, she dropped something of a barrier-breaking bombshell, explaining that one young member of the reigning NBA champion Golden State Warriors wants to be her pimp.

"This is the most unique situation I've ever been in because this person pretty much said he wants to be my Master P, you know — Master Pimp— but you know, no exchange of money, of course," she said. "He wants to be my resource for anyone I want to meet. He's fine with sharing me with other people, which is just amazing."

Stephen Curry was ruled out because Ann says she doesn't sleep with married men. Festus Ezeli was ruled out because she said that this was a prominent member of the team. Leandro Barbosa was ruled out because she said that this was a young member of the team.

So it's either Draymond Green, Klay Thompson or Harrison Barnes. Green follows Ann on Twitter, so most of the pimp speculation immediately shifted to him. But maybe he's just a potential customer and it's Thompson or Barnes who is going to be credited with the assist.

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